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Bounty Travels from Fairhaven to Hollywood

By Kenneth J. Souza

Workers at a Fairhaven ship yard had a close encounter of the Hollywood kind recently when movie mogul Steven Spielberg came to visit the dry-docked *HMS Bounty* from Fall River to consider using the vessel in an upcoming film. On December 8, 1996, the director of the highly-acclaimed *E.T. - The Extra-Terrestrial*, the Indiana Jones trilogy, and the Academy Award-winning *Schindler's List* visited D.N. Kelly & Sons, Inc. to inspect the *Bounty* which has been undergoing repairs before travelling to St. Petersburg, Florida for its winter respite.

The clandestine visit was kept quiet to avoid publicity, and to ensure that the proposed deal was signed before being made public. According to Norman Futoransky, the President of the Tall Ship Bounty Foundation, Mr. Spielberg's associates from Dream Works contacted them back in November about using the ship in an upcoming historical film.

"The movie is tentatively titled *Armitag*, and it's about the slave runners (during colonial times)," Mr. Futoransky said. "I haven't read the script yet, but I know that Gene Hackman has been cast to play John Quincy Adams. I'm not sure if (Mr. Adams) is being portrayed as president, or defense attorney, or judge ... but he rendered a decision that these slaves did not commit mutiny."

On the cover: *The tall ship* HMS Bounty *out of Fall River undergoes final repairs at a Fairhaven ship yard. The tourist vessel is slated to appear as one of four ships in an historical film to be directed by Steven Spielberg. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

Above: *The men's singing group, "The Wanderers," was well-known in the area and performed for many organizations and at special events during the late 1950's and 1960's. This group was the resurrection of the original Wanderers, who entertained in the '30's and '40's under the direction of the late Emily Perry. The first director of the latter group was Natalie (Sylvia) Hemingway; the next director was Marjorie "Marge" Root (who can be seen in the photo). Pianists, at various times, were Theresa Corey, Paul Smith, and Gladys Hinman. Pictured here (from l. to r.) are George Avila, Everett Eldridge, Frank Oxnard, Paul Smith, Rev. Frederic E. Reynard, Kenneth Stickney, Howard Logan, Dennis Sylvia, Vern Taylor, Marshall W. Ross, Harry Locke, and Earle Underwood (partially hidden on right). (Photo and information courtesy of Virginia Morgan).*

Cover insert: *Marion's newly-renovated Post Office in the town village was modelled after old-fashioned, small-town post offices. The restoration was the result of the combined efforts of the Sippican Historical Society and various town residents and businesses. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

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The *HMS Bounty* will be one of four ships used in the film, which is set to begin principal photography in April of this year in Puerto Rico. However, the *Bounty* will share most of the spotlight with its sister ship, the *HMS Rose,* which is permanently docked in Bridgeport, CT. The *Bounty* will transport the slaves from Africa to Cuba, and the *Rose* will transport the slaves from Cuba to the United States.

"It is enroute to the United States that the ship is taken over by a frigate and the slaves were then brought to Boston and put on trial for mutiny," Mr. Futoransky said. "It sounds like an interesting movie."

Mr. Spielberg also recently travelled to Newport, Rhode Island to scout potential locations and "colonial-era" buildings for the film, according to Mr. Futoransky. He said the Tall Ship Bounty Foundation will be paid a rental fee for use of the vessel which will certainly come in handy to pay for the recent repairs and to help maintain the ship year-round.

The *HMS Bounty* was initially built in Nova Scotia for the 1960 remake of the classic *Mutiny on the Bounty,* starring Marlon Brando and Trevor Howard. Over the years it has been used in many other films, including *Yellowbeard, Flipper,* and a recent remake of *Treasure Island* starring Charlton Heston. Kevin Costner also filmed scenes for his documentary *500 Nations* on the vessel, and PBS recently used the ship for their *Africans in America* series to be broadcast in 1998.

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Having spent the last two months in Fairhaven, the ship was scheduled to leave either Wednesday (January 15) or Thursday (January 16) to head for Florida. But, instead of remaining there until returning to Fall River in May, the ship will now travel to Puerto Rico for

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two months of filming with Steven Spielberg and his crew.

"It will cut into our stay in Florida, but we'll be back in Fall River by the end of May," Mr. Futoransky said. "We'll be travelling to Canada for a period this summer, and we're hoping to get sailing ship certified by the Coast Guard so we can offer sailing school courses."

Mr. Futoransky noted that those interested in visiting the *Bounty* in Fall River this summer should call 673-3886 for tour times and availability.

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New Marion Post Office Delivers

Residents and town officials alike in Marion have heralded the newly-renovated Marion Post Office in the village as a return to the "traditional" look of New England architecture. Through the joint efforts of the Sippican Historical Society and the contributions of many residents and local businesses, the once small and cramped post office has been reborn as a lustrous and quaint village highlight.

During a meeting before the Board of Selectmen last week, David S. Arms of the Sippican Historical Society commended both the town officials and residents for supporting what started out as only an idea to renovate the old structure and became a multi-phase, town-wide project.

Selectmen Chairman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson said that upon entering the newly-renovated post office during an Open House on December 14, he felt like he was "going back in time." He added that with the forthcoming renovations to the Music Hall, the Marion village is gradually being restored to its original splendor.

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Selectman Albert Winters also was impressed with both the fund-raising efforts of the Sippican Historical Society and the public support for the project. "This is a case where two or three people led an effort and I think the whole town owes (the Sippican Historical Society) a great deal," he said.

In addition to the new look of the Marion Post Office, they've expanded available resident post office boxes from 300 to 1300. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 6:30 am to 5:30 pm, and Saturday, 6:30 am to 3:30 pm.

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

January 14, 1996
By Dionne F. Richmond

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After approving the minutes and executive session minutes of the Selectmen's meeting held on Tuesday, January 7th the Board unanimously appointed Eileen Sargent to serve on the Housing Authority and recommended Pauline Collins for the vacant Governor appointed position. They will contact Representative William Straus to follow through with this recommendation.

At 7:15 the Board met with Fire Chief Ronald Scott to discuss a hazardous material incident at Aucoot Cove. He told the Board that on September 6th his department responded to an oil spill at Aucoot Cove Boatyard when a boat sunk during the hurricane. When the boatyard tried to pull the boat out with a crane, the crane landed on top of the boat. The Coast Guard became involved as well as the First Response team who use a crane to pull both the crane and boat out of the water. First Responders worked to remove both oil and gas from the waters. Chief Scott explained the Coast Guard said the boat's owner is responsible. He said it was a case of "what came first, the chicken or the egg?"

" The boat started the chain of events, we billed him (boat owner) twice but he hasn't acknowledged it," said Chief Scott. The owner who is from Waltham was told on the night of the spill he would be held accountable. The bill is for $9,000 for the replacement of booms and equipment used during the spills and for the removal of the objects in the water. Selectmen recommended he talk with Town Counsel to see what the next step should be.

Incoming correspondence for the week included:

•Notification from the Mayor of New Bedford that the quarterly Mayor/Selectmen meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, January 16 at 8:00 am at the New Bedford Art Museum.

•Notification from the Division of Marine Fisheries that the mouth of the Mattapoisett River is now open until March 31, 1997.

•Correspondence from Senator Marc Pacheco thanking the

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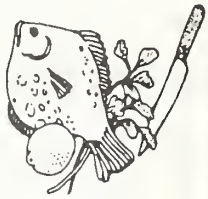

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•A letter was received from Raymond Cabral expressing his concerns of the North Street repairs. He has lived in town for 23 years and said he has seen a tremendous amount of growth. "We have lived on Wolf Island Road for the past 15 years. During this time we have seen the increase of traffic on North Street continue to grow. New roads have been put it and houses have followed. Large trucks going to and from SEMASS are a regular occurrence and will continue into the future.

"I have heard and read the concerns of the property owners along the road and in a democracy all voices should be heard. How about the children who take their lies in their hands every time they ride their bikes on North Street, or the joggers or the walkers? Some property owners may have made snide comments about the fact not many people do ride, walk or jog on North Street, maybe it is because most of us do not have a death wish!

"I have four children and if they ride their bikes into the Village they go via Long Plain and Acushnet Roads. The children living off North Street do not have this option. Traffic on North Street is not going to decrease so the job to correct the width should be accomplished with this in mind. Acushnet did a fine job when they made Main Street wider, they moved and replaced trees and stone walls. Why can't we do the same ? Having a sidewalk on one side and a small bike land on both sides (separated from the car area by a solid white line) does not seem unreasonable to me. I always thought the town owned a certain amount of property on each side of the road. So utilize whatever you need to make the road safer for the future."

Selectmen will contact Mr. Cabral and ask him if he is interested in serving on the North Street Survey Committee. So far 16 people have requested to serve on the committee and they will be

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• A letter from John Folino, Cape Building Systems, was received regarding the roadway on Industrial Drive. He wrote that there are three areas of concern to all occupants of the park including --- the North Street entrance to the park and the "winding roadway" into the park; expansion of the storm drainage system and the expansion of the sewer system to the Industrial Park. The Board will ask the Highway Surveyor and Town Engineer to look into this matter and forward the letters they have received also.

Under the Executive Secretary's report Ms. Pacheco wanted the public to know the Selectmen's Office will be closed on Friday, January 17th so the staff can attend an MMA annual conference in Boston. The Town Clerk will fill in for those who need assistance for

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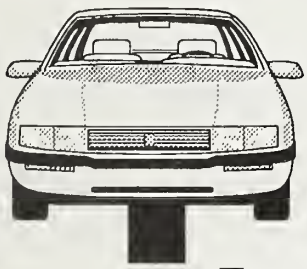

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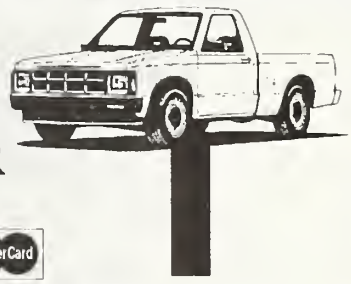

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There being no further business before the Board to discuss, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:20 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

January 14, 1997

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Albert E. Winters, Executive Secretary Ray Pickles, and Secretary Helene Craver.

The board first signed treasury warrant #29 for the week and unanimously approved the minutes of the January 7 meeting. They also unanimously voted to allow a Car Show fund raiser to be held at Washburn Park on June 8, and also voted to waive the fee as the event is a benefit for the Marion Recreation Committee.

At 7:00 pm, the board met with members of the Growth Management Committee (GMC) and Planning Board Chairman George T.J. Walker to discuss the upcoming public meeting slated for January

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27 at 6:30 pm in the Sippican School cafeteria. Mr. Walker began by noting that the GMC had submitted a report to the Planning Board nearly a year ago, and since that time they have been working together to change the town's zoning by-laws and/or establish new by-laws to "meet the needs of the changing times."

Mr. Walker explained that at the forthcoming meeting, they plan to discuss three major categories of by-law changes, including:

• *Business Related By-Law Changes* - These changes will entail rezoning portions of Route 6 to support development of business nodes; establishing a new Industrial Park zone near the Mattapoisett line; restricting or prohibiting certain types of undesirable businesses; encouraging mixed use by allowing apartments above village businesses; and speeding up certain smaller Site Plan Review and Approval processes.

• *Residential Related By-Law Changes* - These changes will include implementation of a Phased Growth by-law; developing the concept of residential compounds; tightening the reins of "creative" lot development; and improving Cluster Zoning.

• *Changes in Process/Housekeeping* - These changes will entail allowing uses only by Special Permit; lowering business parking requirements; modifying Site Development dimensional requirements; updating by-law definitions and wording.

GMC member Lee Hayes noted that his committee and the Planning Board have been working to get the word out about the public meeting and he hopes "200 or more people" will attend. "We're trying to resurrect the old Growth Management Committee 'point people' method of informing the public," he said. "The Planning Board has done a lot of work over the last year ... and we're excited about this meeting."

Selectman Winters suggested that a joint letter might be sent from the Board of Selectman and the Planning Board to all Marion post

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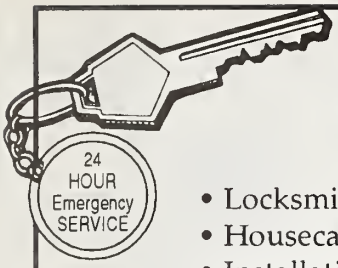

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office box holders. Mr. Pickles also noted that if they do get 200 or more people in attendance, they might want to find another location to hold the meeting, since the Sippican School cafeteria holds only about 100 people.

Selectman Schaefer asked Mr. Walker what the format of the meeting would be, and he said the board will essentially be presenting 15 recommendations as possible by-law changes to appear on the March 10 Special Town Meeting. "Some of the material is very dense and difficult to get through," he said. "We're hoping to provide an overview of what we'd like to propose ... and let residents offer their feedback, either positive or negative."

The Selectmen were pleased with the organization of both the GMC and Planning Board, and offered to help "get the word out" any way they could. Selectman Winters also wanted to stress that this was not a Public Hearing traditionally held before making by-law amendments. "This is an informational meeting," he said. "People

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should be aware that this is not their last chance to comment on (these proposals)."

Residents are urged to attend the Planning Board Community Meeting on Monday, January 27 at 6:30 pm in the Sippican School Cafeteria.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received notice that the annual Tri-Town Herring Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Selectmen's Office. This meeting is held with town officials and herring inspectors from Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester. The agenda will include setting the fee schedule for 1997 and setting a catching limit for the season.

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners next sent notification that the Town of Marion has been awarded $4,392.76 in Public Library State Aid. This money includes $2,430 for a Library Incentive Grant (LIG); $851.69 for a Municipal Equalization Grant (MEG); and $1,111.07 for Nonresident Circulation Offset (NRC). Mr. Pickles noted that this award amount was "more than last year."

The Division of Marine Fisheries next sent notification that a portion of Middle River has been conditionally approved and opened to shellfishing from December 15, 1996 through March 31, 1997.

Mr. Pickles noted that both the Operating and Capital Budget requests have been submitted to the board, and he will be meeting with the Finance Committee next week to go over the recommended funding for fiscal year 1997-1998.

The board was scheduled to review the Open Space Plan that evening, but Conservation Commission member Hod Kenney was unable to attend the meeting. Selectman Schaefer suggested they hold this matter until Mr. Kenney could be present, to which the board unanimously agreed.

Mr. Pickles also noted that the Planning Board needs to get the final wording of the articles for the March 10 Special Town Meeting to the Selectmen's Office before February 10 in order to post the warrant within the required 14 days prior to the Town Meeting, and also to print the warrant for residents. Mr. Walker advised that he would have the "camera-ready" copy to the office no later than February 7.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:35 pm.

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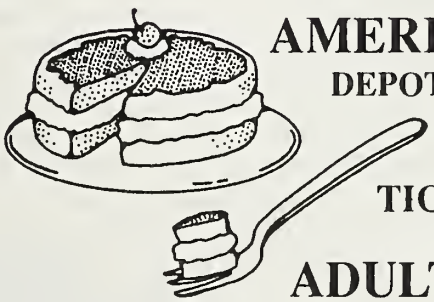

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

January 13, 1997

By Dionne F. Richmond

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, January 13 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Lorraine Roy Hawkes. Also present were Selectman Richard D. Cutler, Selectman William D. Chamberlain, Executive Secretary Russell J. Dean, and Secretary Veronica Lafreniere.

Mr. Dean then read the Executive Secretary's report and noted the board was scheduled to meet with Tammy LeVallee regarding a Class II license on January 15 at 6:30 pm. He also informed the board that there has been a "mass excavation" of files in the filing cabinet in the Selectmen's Office — all files are now in good shape.

The board then met with Ken Foley, President of Pond View Excavating, to discuss an Earth Removal Permit issued to Edward Zyskowski of Quaker Lane in Acushnet. He said he is surprised that he has received inquiries about his bond, and wants to know the status of the Earth Removal Permit "I've never been notified of problems with the Earth Removal Permit," he said.

Mr. Zyskowski came before the board last week to discuss his financial problems and his reasons for not paying his taxes. He was also disgruntled with his contractor — Pond View Excavating — who he claimed left him for months at a time. Mr. Foley came in to defend his company.

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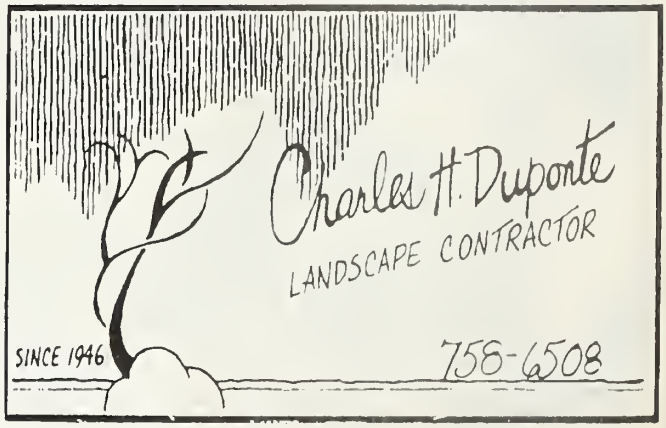

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Selectman Cutler said after completing a site inspection the board discovered some problems with the property such as sloping, stumps, and concrete. "We found out the bond is in your name," he said. "We'd like to get the site cleaned up." A cease and desist order was issued in the summer because of delinquent taxes. Mr. Foley said he paid back taxes owed in May of 1994 and has offered to pay the $3,000 taxes for Mr. Zyskowski. "He wouldn't allow me to do that," he said.

Mr. Foley explained his company has removed 80,000 cubic yards in 27 months and has paid Mr. Zyskowski $60,000. He defended his company, calling it a "clean operation." "It's not my business what he does with his money," he said, "but he didn't pay his taxes."

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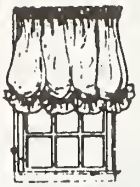

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Mr. Foley said he never brought stumps onto the property. "Why would I put stumps there?" he asked. "We don't do business that way. I didn't damage his tractor ... (and) I'm stuck in the middle since I posted bond."

"The board's business is with (Mr. Zyskowski), not with you," said Selectman Chamberlain. "As far as what he does with his money, I'm not saying. He hasn't paid his land taxes. No permits are issued without (paying them). Anything is his responsibility as far as I'm concerned, he has a contract with you. If you're not abiding, it's not a matter with us." He also explained those problems have to be rectified and that's why the board is considering pulling the bond.

Mr. Foley still contended he has not done anything wrong. He will contact Mr. Zyskowski to see if they can resolve the issue and convince Mr. Zyskowski to let him pay his taxes. The two have to come to an agreement before they can reapply for a new Earth Removal Permit if they don't want the town to take further action.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a letter and pictures from Lynn Noyes of Edwards Lane concerning flooding on her property. Mr. Dean said he thought the problem derived from a high water table and discharge of water from nearby cellars. Georgia Chamberlain of the Planning Board was present at the meeting and explained that the area has always been a problem. It was the first subdivision in town of

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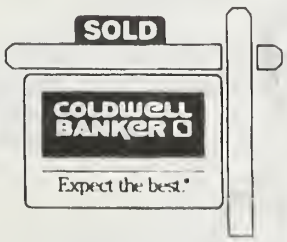

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small lots and there is no septic system. "There's always been problems there and there always will be," she said. The area will be monitored and Ms. Noyes will be notified that the town is not sure it's their responsibility.

At 7:30 pm the board met with the Park Commissioners who have put together a request for a topographical study for the Dexter Lane project. The Park Commissioners explained once the plan is completed they can get some hard pricing on the site work and then go to Town Meeting for the approval of reimbursable funds. They expect to complete the site work and construct a couple of ball fields during the first phase. But a topographical plan is needed to pin down exactly what the money will pay for.

The board also met with them to discuss their interest in serving on an ad hoc committee to study the Mary's Pond area for recreational use. Ms. Chamberlain — who has served on the Open Space/Recreational Committee — expressed her opinion on the matter and said she would like to see the property be used for multiple purposes including a playground, swimming area, Boy and Girl Scout activities, youth group activities, senior activities, and perhaps a walking area. This would "keep the youth and seniors busy almost 12 months out of the year," she said.

The Selectmen asked the Park Commissioners how they felt about taking on the two large projects. Selectman Cutler explained it was a hot issue with many people in town because it's been lingering for quite a

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while. He said he'd like to see an ad hoc committee put together by the Park Commissioners. Ms. Chamberlain explained the issue has been lingering since 1980. "It's been a great many years," she said. "I'd like to see something happen to the property before I go to the great beyond." She also felt the former Board of Selectmen didn't consider the Mary's Pond issue a priority. The Park Commission will discuss their opinion and inform the board if they wish to take on the project at this time.

Under incoming correspondence for the week the board also received:

• Requests from Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge and Greg Wiegal of the Highway Department to serve on the newly-established Snipatuit Pond Committee. The board will forward this information to the chairman of the

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• A request from Deborah Lalli, Committee Chairperson of Pack 30 Cub Scouts, for funding for the "Rodman Ride for Kids." The board will forward the remaining $250 to Pack 30 Cub Scouts;

• A letter from Tom Benoit, Finance Manager of SEMASS, that December payment is in the amount of $183,930.81.

Meetings scheduled throughout the week include:

• Massachusetts Selectmen's Association: Statewide Town Meeting on January 18 in the New Bedford Art Museum at 8:00 am;

• Rochester Housing Partnership meeting on January 22 in the Town Hall;

• Veterans Council Meeting on January 23 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Selectmen's Office;

• Snipatuit Pond Committee meeting on January 27 in the Rochester Town Hall;

• Planning Board Public Hearing on fee structure review on January 28 at 7:15 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room;

• Planning Board Public Hearing on Hollybrook Phase III on January 28 at 7:45 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room;

• Annual Herring Meeting on Thursday, January 30 in the Mattapoisett Selectmen's Office.

After reviewing Old and New Business for the week and meeting as the Personnel Board, the board unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

Acushnet Selectmen's Meeting

January 13, 1997

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Acushnet Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, January 13 at 6:00 pm by Chairman Everett L. Hardy Jr. Also present were Selectman Peter W. Koczera, Selectman Robert J. St.

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Under incoming correspondence, the board received a letter of resignation from Cynthia Haskell of Keene Road who is stepping down from her position with the Conservation Commission (ConCom). Ms. Haskell noted her busy work schedule would regrettably not allow her to attend regular ConCom meetings. Selectman Koczera asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to Ms. Haskell for her past work with the commission and moved to accept her resignation with regret.

Chairman Hardy added that a letter should be sent to the ConCom to request any suggestions for filling the vacancy and asked that residents interested in serving on the ConCom send a letter to the Board of Selectmen, c/

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The board next received an invitation from the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce to attend Mayor Rosemary Tierney's "State of the City Address" on Wednesday, February 19 at 12:00 noon at the Days Inn in New Bedford. The board agreed to put their response on hold until the first week of February to determine which members could attend.

The Acushnet Park Commissioners next sent a letter in response to the recent "Land Use Report" provided to them by the Golf/Recreation Development Committee. Park Commission Chairman Donald Guenette noted he had some concerns which needed to be resolved before the commission gave their total support to the project as submitted. Among the commission's concerns:

• The Park Department believes the golf course should be under professional management reporting to a special board, with finances going through the Town Accountant's office. The Park Department feels the board should consist of a large number of members (13 to 15) from various departments and precincts with one representative from the Park Commission;

• The $500,000 Urban Self Help Grant was obtained through the Park Department for the course. The decisions made involving this money, land, and property should have input from the Park Department since they are technically responsible for the grant;

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• The terminology created by the Board of Public Works (BPW) in regards to the Park Department needs to be clarified so that each board knows its duties — not only involving the golf course, but also any other park or recreational matter.

Chairman Hardy said he would like to address the third concern raised in the commission's letter, since it goes back to a prior discussion between them and the BPW. He suggested that they schedule a meeting with both the Park Commission and BPW to clarify what is under each jurisdiction. "I think we need to remove the golf course from under the jurisdiction of the Park Department," he said. "When we started this project, we didn't envision the golf course as being on park land."

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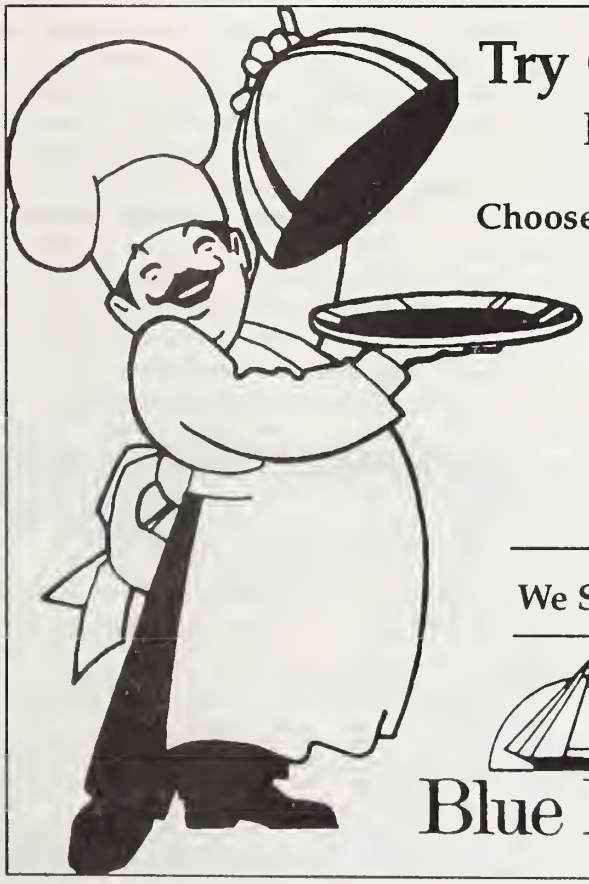

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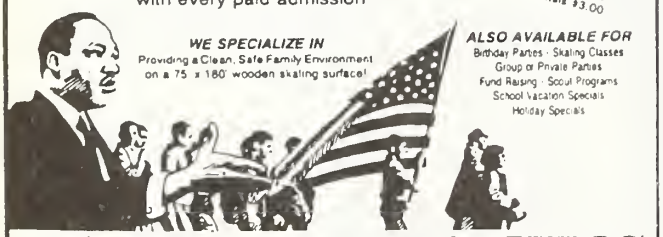

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Selectman Koczera agreed, moving that a meeting be scheduled in early February to resolve this matter. The board unanimously approved his motion.

The board next received an invitation to attend New Bedford Mayor Rosemary Tierney's quarterly Intergovernment Day on January 16 at 8:00 am. Selectman Koczera said he will definitely attend, and the other board members said they would try to join him.

At 6:15 pm the board met with members of the Acushnet Safety Committee to discuss various items of concern. The Safety Committee recently held a meeting on January 8 and submitted a list of 12 recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Hardy said he would like to discuss items 5, 6 and 7 from their list.

The first two items were requests to install street lights at 14 Rene Street and 41 Morningside Avenue, respectively. Chairman Hardy said the board placed a moratorium on installing any new street lights in 1992 and they've held to that policy unless deemed a potential safety hazard by the committee. "We've told people in developments that they are responsible for putting (street lights) in," he said. "But if the Safety Committee wants to put (street lights) in, we're going to have to increase the budget because there are cost factors involved. I'd rather see these requests go to Town Meeting for approval."

Since establishing the moratorium on new street lights, the Board of Selectmen has forwarded all such requests to the Safety Committee to deem whether or not there are safety hazards to consider. Since the committee

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is recommending the installation of these lights, they agreed that money should be appropriated for this purpose. The board suggested the Safety Committee prepare a presentation for Town Meeting to allocate increased funding each year for street light installations. Ms. Miranda estimated that the installation of a street light and related electrical expense totalled $110 per year, per light.

The next item on the committee's list of recommendations was to reduce the speed limit along Main Street from the Town Hall to Hamlin Street to 25 miles-per-hour. Chairman Hardy said that after reviewing this request and observing the area, he had no problem approving this recommendation. He was especially concerned about the area in front of St. Francis Xavier School where students often cross the street. Selectman St. Jean noted that while school is in session, state law dictates the speed limit should be 20 miles-per-hour.

With that, the board unanimously voted to reduce the speed limit along Main Street from Town Hall to Hamlin Street to 25 miles-per-hour in both directions.

On a similar note, Safety Committee Chairman Brenda Raposa asked why there weren't flashing speed limit signs (20 miles-per-hour) in front of the Ford Middle School and Acushnet Elementary School. Selectman Koczera noted that such a request should fall under the Safety Committee's jurisdiction, and he said they should look into posting the required speed limit signs and/or flashing traffic lights under state law.

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Under New Business, the board unanimously voted to send a letter to all appointed town officials whose term expires on or before June 30, 1997 to find out whether they intend to seek reappointment or not. Ms. Miranda said she would send a standard letter to all appointees so that the board could make their reappointments in May.

Chairman Hardy said he would be going to Boston this week with Council on Aging Director Willian Contois and Grant Writer Sharon Gay to find out why th town's recent COA grant proposal was turned down. Selectman St. Jean asked that a meeting be scheduled wit the Finance Committee (FinCom) and the Capital Expenditure Committee on January 21 at 7:00 pm to discuss the fiscal budget for 1997-1998.

The board then unanimously voted to set the Annual Town Meeting on the fourth Monday in April, as per the Town Charter. The date will be Monday, April 28.

There being no further matters to discuss in oper session, the board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 7:20 pm to discuss two pending contract issues. Since next Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the board's next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, January 27 at 6:00 pm.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

(Editor's Note: The following is an official statement of re-election from Mattapoisett Selectman Paul Lambalot.)

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to continue serving them for the next three years as a member of their Board of Selectmen. My record, I feel, makes me a qualified and deserving candidate. Among my credentials I offer my thirty years as a resident, my more than twenty years of service to the town, my willingness to serve, and my profound love of our community.

Because we are entering a highly-important decision-making time in the life of our town, I feel it imperative that we retain the kind of experience and concern that I bring to the Selectmen's office.

I have listened to the many townspeople who are concerned about the rising costs of managing government and the growing costs of town services. As a parent, grandparent and taxpayer, I am sensitive to and share your concerns for fiscal restraint. It is of the utmost importance to me that Mattapoisett be affordable to our young people and seniors who are living on tight budgets and fixed incomes.

We have worked towards supporting a public school system that is second to none in the South Coast Communities of Massachusetts.

Our police and fire departments provide our town with the highest caliber of professionalism providing us with the true feeling of comfort and safety we have come to expect. Our ambulance service provides the highest quality emergency response and care.

Our highway and water departments work very hard to deliver the municipal services that many of us take for granted.

I am sure all of us want to maintain that kind of community we've all grown to love. But to do that we may be called upon to make some tough decisions.

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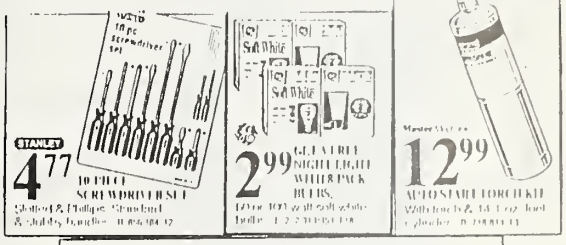

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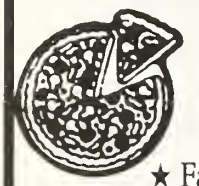

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Sincerely,
Paul E. Lambalot
Candidate for Re-Election
Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

To the Editor:
(Editor's Note: Following is a copy of a letter addressed to the Sippican Historical Society.)

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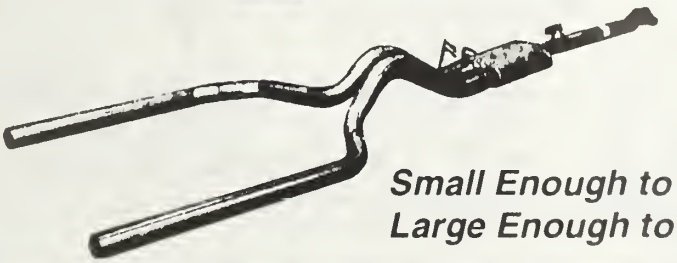

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ORR High School

Returning Graduates

Several Old Rochester Regional High School graduates who currently attend college came back to visit ORR on January 9. The graduates spoke with the Class of 1997 and offered their thoughts, reflections, and advice to the current senior class. This program, held annually, gives the graduates an opportunity to share their experiences with students who will enter college next year.

The participants were: Emily Borden (Emmanuel College); Katherine Bokelkamp (Maryland College Institute of Art); Mary Bourque (UMass Dartmouth); Abigail Coffin (Simmons College); Elizabeth Coffin (Springfield College); Nathaniel Corwin (University of New Haven); Jennifer DeMoranville (Stonehill College); Marci Galvin (Westfield State College); Janalba Guyton (UMass Dartmouth); Casey Hohne (Marist College); Shannon McGowan (Westfield State College); Shaun Selha (Boston University); Katherine Southworth (Simmons College).

Grade 8 Program

Parents of Grade 8 students at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School are invited to attend a special program on Wednesday, January 22 beginning at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria of ORR High School. Specific instructions regarding selection of courses for Grade 9 will be covered and parents will have an opportunity to ask questions of high school counselors and administrators.

Tech Prep Night

The Old Rochester Regional High School Tech Prep Program, Business Technology and Engineering Technology Clusters, will be holding a Tech Prep Information Night on Thursday, January 23 at 7:00 pm in the ORR High School Cafeteria. Parents of Grade 10 students recommended for enrollment in the program should make every effort to attend this informative presentation.

Guest speaker for the session will be Ted Boudria, Bristol Community College (BCC) Tech Prep Coordinator. He will explain the advantages of two-year (high school) plus two-year (community college) plus two-year (state college and university) connecting programs. Students who successfully complete the ORR Tech Prep Program are guaranteed admission to BCC.

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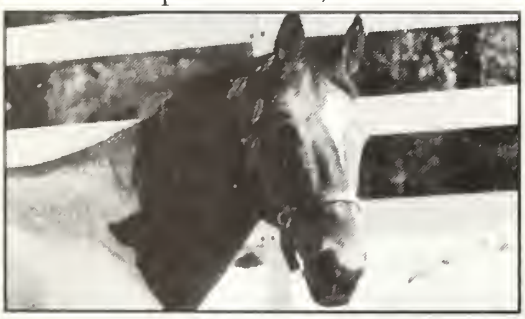

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The Mattapoisett Lions Club will be holding a Pancake Breakfast every month through May. The breakfasts will take place on Sunday mornings from 8:00 to 11:00 am at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett. The breakfasts will be held on January 26, February 23, March 23, April 20, and May 18.

Tickets will be available at the door for $3 (adults), $2 (children), and $10 (family donation, 2 adults and 3 or more children). The breakfast includes pancakes, sausages, juice, and coffee.

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Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Nomination Papers

Nomination Papers may be obtained for officers to be elected at the Annual Town Election on April 1, 1997. Papers must be taken out on or before February 7, 1997 and returned for certification no later than February 11, 1997. If you will be unable to vote in person at the polls on April 1, you may apply for an Absentee Ballot. The Town Clerk's office is open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday and Tuesday evenings, 7:00 to 7:30. Please call 758-4103 if you have any questions.

Voter Registration

If you are not registered to vote in the next Town Election, you may do so in person or by mail. Please call 758-4103 if you wish a mail-in form.

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Weight Training in Marion

An Introduction to Weight and Resistance Training, adult beginning weight training class for men and women at all levels of fitness who want to learn how to safely and effectively weight train, will be held at the Congregational Church Community Center in Marion beginning January 27 and 28. There will be two sections of the same class: Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm and Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

The purpose is to learn safe and effective methods of weight training to increase overall sense of well-being. Weights are provided and participants are asked to wear loose, comfortable clothing and rubber-soled shoes. The class will be taught by Megan Makepeace Tarini, an AFAA-certified aerobics teacher and personal trainer, who is weight and resistance certified by FRA of Needham, and a project healthy osteo trainer for the Massachusetts State Department of Health.

The cost is $18 for all six classes, and the class size is limited to 10. For information and reservations, please call 748-2447 after 6:00 pm.

Tri-Town 766 Meeting

Information will be available to assist parents in the planning, decision-making, and monitoring of their child's IEP. A Basic Rights 766 Workshop, presented by the Federation of Children of Special Needs and sponsored by the Project GROW Parents' Group, will be held on January 29, 1997 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the ORR High School Library. Anyone is invited to attend.

Ann Fitzgerald will conduct the workshop and a Parent Manual will be handed out. You must register in advance by calling Jane Awad at 758-4090. The snow date will be February 5, 1997. Deadline to register for this program is January 20, 1997.

Rochester Annual Town Election

Rochester Town Clerk Naida Parker has advised that Nomination Papers for the 1997 Town Election are now available at her office. Anyone interested in obtaining nomination papers for Selectman, Board of

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Following are the offices and candidates which are up for re-election — Board of Selectman (3 years): William D. Chamberlain; Board of Health (3 years): David True; Board of Assessors (3 years): Jana Cavanaugh; Town Moderator (3 years): William D. Chamberlain; Rochester School Committee (2 positions, 3 years): Robert Cummings and Margo Mello; Planning Board (2 positions, 5 years): Roger Pelletier and John Hall; Cemetery Commission (3 years): Walter Hartley; Park Commission (3 years): William Towers; Library Trustees (2 positions, 3 years): Katherine Church and Anne Holbrook.

The last day to take out Nomination Papers is February 26. The last day to withdraw Nomination Papers is February 28. The last day to register to vote in the Annual Town Election is March 27. The Annual Town Election will be held on April 16.

All candidates must file an initial Campaign Finance Report on or before April 6, 1997. The report must include all transactions between January 1 and April 6. A second report is to be filed by May 16 and should include all transactions occurring between April 6 and May 16. Campaign report forms may be obtained from Town Clerk Naida Parker. If candidates have no expenditures, there is a simplified form which you need to sign.

ORR School District

The regular meetings for the remainder of the 1996-1997 school year of the ORR and Union 55 School District Special Education Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will be held on Wednesday, January 22; Wednesday, March 26; and Wednesday, May 28 in the Old Rochester Regional High School Library from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. All parents of students with special needs, and those interested in the special education programs in our town are invited to attend. For further information, please call 748-2192, or Sandra Kinney (Marion) at 748-2836, Gail McSwiggan (Mattapoisett) at 758-4354, or Cynthia

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Marion's Route 6 Businesses

High on the Marion Planning Board's list of priorities is the protection of operating businesses located on Route 6 within the town. The board is preparing a comprehensive package of recommendations for business and residential land use changes for consideration by a Special Town Meeting to be held on March 10, 1997. Among these is a draft proposal to create business nodes on Route 6 at Front Street and at Point Road.

Last year, the Growth Management Committee, commissioned by the town, held a series of public meetings in which the citizens were asked for their views on planning for the town's future. Many of the hundreds of participants expressed concern that the sprawl and strip development that had overwhelmed many neighboring jurisdictions could occur in Marion. The committee's report to the Selectmen and the Planning Board included suggestions for protecting the Route 6 corridor by creating such nodes and by rezoning much of the rest of the highway through Marion from business to residential.

The Planning Board was receptive to these suggestions and, during a public hearing on the proposals developed by its contractor, validated the findings of the earlier meetings on these matters. The need to protect businesses located on Route 6 but not within the boundaries of the nodes was also taken to heart by the members. After much deliberation, the board determined that, if the development of business nodes is to go forward to Town Meeting, that, for the sake of equity, the corollary rezoning of the highway area to residential must make exception for those properties on which businesses are presently operating.

All changes in the zoning of Route 6 under consideration by the Marion Planning Board will respect the rights of those businesses in operation at this time. Any rezoning to be recommended by the board to Town Meeting will provide that general business zoning be retained for those properties under the same conditions as the properties within the nodes. These business owners will be able to continue operation in place, to make any changes to their property permitted under the revised by-laws, and to convey their properties without additional restrictions.

The land use changes for Route 6 and a number of other important questions will be the subject of a Public Meeting conducted by the Marion Planning Board at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 27, 1997 in the Sippican School cafeteria. The board invites all voters to participate in this forum and actively seeks their views prior to making its final recommendations to Town Meeting.

Acushnet Annual Town Election

Nomination Papers are now available for the Acushnet Annual Town Election to be held on April 7, 1997. The last day to take out Nomination Papers will be Friday, February 14 at 5:00 pm. Nomination Papers are furnished only to candidates or to their representatives presenting signed authorization. All Nomination Papers must be signed by no less than 35 registered voters.

The last day to submit Nomination Papers to the Board of Registrars for certification is Tuesday, February 18 at 5:00 pm. The last day and hour to file Nomination Papers with the Acushnet Town Clerk is Monday, March 3 at 5:00 pm. The last day and hour to file and objection to the Nomination Papers with the Town Clerk is Wednesday, March 5 at 5:00 pm. The last day and hour to withdraw nomination by filing a written request with the Town Clerk is also Wednesday, March 5 at 5:00 pm.

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The deadline to register to vote in the Annual Town Election is Tuesday, March 18 at 4:00 pm. Special Registration Sessions will be held daily in the Acushnet Town Clerk's Office from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm, and from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. The office will also be opened Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Following are the offices and candidates whose terms are up for the April 7 election: Board of Selectmen, 3 years (Everett L. Hardy Jr.); Board of Assessors, 3 years (George H. Perry Jr.); Board of Health, 3 years (Gerald L. Toussaint); School Committee, 3 years (Mary Ellen Viera and Patricia Scott); Commissioner of Trust Funds, 3 years (Howard Plaud); Trustees of Free Public Library, 3 years (Alfred H. Robichaud); Cemetery Board, 3 years (Paul H. Fortin); Park Commissioners, 3 years (Donald J. Guenette); Housing Authority, 5 years (Mary Niemic and Mary E. Ouellette); Planning Board, 5 years (Marc Cenerizio); Board of Public Works, 3 years (Rene Racine and Albert R. Rivet).

For further information, please contact Acushnet Town Clerk Richard Threlfall at 998-0215.

Sippican Choral Society

The Sippican Choral Society's second rehearsal for its Spring Concerts will be held on Monday, January 20 at 7:30 pm in the Congregational Church Community Center in Marion. New members are very welcome to join the chorus just by coming to the rehearsal. (Please arrive by 7:15 pm if this is your first rehearsal.) The Spring Concerts will be under the auspices of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, with the chorus being joined by the New Bedford Choral Society and the Concord Chorus in two performances of Dvorjak's *Requiem* next May 17 and 18 in New Bedford and Lexington.

Parking is available in the Marion General Store parking lot on Front Street in the village. For information please call Chorus President Lynn Danse (748-0289) or Peter McDonald (748-0358). Please let Lynn know if you plan to sing but cannot make the rehearsal.

Women Business Owners Meeting

The Organization of Women Business Owners will hold its second meeting on Wednesday, January 22 at 6:00 pm at Friendly Harbor's "Project Joy" Adult Day Health Center, 40 Sconticut Neck Road, in Fairhaven.

A wide variety of businesses will be represented — health care, retail, children's services, pet care, consultants, lawyers, real estate, artists, and more. South Coast women business owners are invited to attend to network and exchange ideas to enhance and promote their businesses. For more information, please call Jan at 748-6862 or Debbie at 748-0697.

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• May 13 through May 15 - Three Days at Summit Lodge in Vermont for sightseeing, entertainment, and meals. Price is $219 double occupancy.

• July 14 through July 18 - Trip to Prince Edward Island. Includes sightseeing and entertainment for $469 double occupancy.

For flyers or further information on any of these trips, please call Florence at 748-1918 or Jean at 758-6470.

Masonic Lodge - Marion

The Pythagorean Lodge AF & AM located at 13 Spring Street in Marion will be hosting an Awareness Night Meeting on Thursday, January 16 at 7:00 pm.

Tri-County Symphonic Concert

The annual FREE children's concert by the Tri-County Symphonic Band has become as much a part of Super Bowl Sunday as the game itself. This year the Old Hammondtown Jazz Band from Mattapoisett will be the featured "peer group" for the young people. Opportunity to "lead the band" is also part of the varied program designed to inspire a love of music in and to inspire the young of the South Coast community.

This concert is FREE thanks to the support of area cultural councils and the Massachusetts Cultural Council and many local businesses. Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 26 at 3:00 pm in the Main Auditorium of UMass Dartmouth. It's an event the whole family will enjoy and you'll be home in time for the big game!

Marion Town Meeting and Election

Marion Town Clerk Debra M. Blanchette has announced that nomination papers are now available for the following offices: One Selectman, 3 years (Jonathan E. Dickerson); One Assessor, 3 years (Mary P. Nicholson); One Board of Health, 3 years (Thomas T. Streeter); Town Moderator, 1 year (David B. Titus); Two Planning Board, 3 years (David K. Pierce and Anne C. Shoemaker); One Planning Board, 1 year (Donald M. Kusza); Two Marion School Committee, 3 years (David L. Anderson and Benjamin F. Bryant); and One Marion School Committee, 1 year (George L. Askew).

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on April 28, 1997 and the Annual Town Election will be held on May 2, 1997.

Nomination papers must be filed with the Registrar of Voters for certification by 5:00 pm on March 17, 1997 and with the Town Clerk by 5:00 pm on March 31, 1997. The last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Town Election is Monday, April 8, 1997 until 8:00 pm.

Registration of voters is accepted during regular Town House office hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and Friday, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Voters may also register by mail. For additional information, please call the Marion Town Clerk's office at 748-3505.

Rochester Council on Aging

The following events are slated for this month by the Rochester COA:

• Monday, January 20 - Town Hall Closed (Martin Luther King Day);

• Wednesday, January 22 - Shopping in Fairhaven at 9:00 am;

• Thursday, January 23 - Busy Bees at the Senior Center from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon;

• Saturday, January 25 - SHARE Pick-Up from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (all packages must be picked up);

• Monday, January 27 - Whaling Museum (leave Town Hall at 9:00 am with lunch at Thad's, reservations a must);

• Tuesday, January 28 - AARP Meeting at 1:00 pm in Town Hall;

• Wednesday, January 29 - Shopping in Fairhaven at 9:00 am.

Adoptable Animals

The local chapter of Animal Umbrella, Inc. will be holding their next Kitty Adoption Day this Sunday, January 19 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm at Denise's Pet Care Center on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. They will have several cats available including some which have been declawed. Among them: a mother and son combo who would like to be adopted together. They are black and white, short-haired cats (3 to 4 years old) who have been spayed and neutered.

The group is also featuring two cats who were recently protected by their guardian angel from destruction, rescued by Animal Umbrella, and are now in foster care awaiting a new beginning. They are about five years old — one is a spayed female and the other is a neutered male with white short hair and tiger patches — and both are extremely friendly. They could be either

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Also available for adoption this week: long-haired black female (eight months); long-haired black and white female (six months); short-haired calico female (six months); short-haired brown tiger (five months); short-haired black male (five months); long-haired Siamese cross (young adult).

In the dog category this week, the group has a small older dog (Lhasa Apso/Yorkie mix) by the name of "Benji" who is quiet and loves children. He has had all his shots and is licensed through this year. The other dogs recently available for adoption have been placed, but the Fairhaven Animal Shelter is still full with plenty to choose from. The Fairhaven Animal Shelter is located on Bridge Street across from Wal-Mart.

If interested in any of these animals, please call one of the local Animal Umbrella representatives (unless otherwise noted):

- Mary Lou at 758-9202;
- Priscilla at 758-2896;
- Trudy at 990-7806.

Fairhaven Fishermen's Association

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the Fairhaven Fishermen's Association's monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month at The Fairhaven Varsity Club, 9 Adams Street, in Fairhaven beginning at 7:00 pm.

The Fairhaven Fishermen's Association was recently formed by concerned citizens working together to get a Seed Program established in the Town of Fairhaven to help replenish the waters. The group's agenda includes:

- Replenishing shellfish stock with a clean seed program;
- Improving water quality;
- Develop new ways to grow shellfish for propogation;
- Promote and market shellfish;
- Find some way to provide health insurance to our commercial shellfishermen.

A member of the town's shellfish department will be there to answer questions.

Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm at The Fairhaven Varsity Club, 12 Adams Street, in Fairhaven. For more information, please contact Greg Leal, President of the Fairhaven Shellfishermen's Association, at 993-1064.

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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The January meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will be held at 12:00 noon in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church on Thursday, January 16. Tea, sandwiches, and sweets will be served, followed by the business meeting and program.

The program will be "Letters of Whaling Wives" presented by Bette Roberts. Bette will share excerpts of letters from wives to husbands at sea, and from wives at sea to family at home, giving a picture of life during the whaling era. Guests are always welcome.

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Larry Flynt: free speech hero or porn magazine king?

BY ROB GONSALVES

■ *The People Vs. Larry Flynt.* **Starring Woody Harrelson and Courtney Love. Directed by Milos Forman. Running time: 130 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 140 in New Bedford.**

Woody Harrelson has a way of starring in high-profile, controversial movies that split me right down the middle. There was *Natural Born Killers,* which I've seen five times, and I still haven't decided whether it's brilliant or abhorrent. Now comes *The People Vs. Larry Flynt,* which I'll be glad to see another four times, because it's funny and absorbing. And also slippery and superficial. It has moments of greatness and power, and moments of shameless preaching-to-the-converted.

In other words, it's an Oliver Stone movie — except that he only produced it. Milos Forman *(Amadeus)* got the directing job, which he carries out with minimum flash. Or flesh, either: this biopic about a porn king is less erotic than *Jerry Maguire.* Forman's heart is in the legal issues of Larry's life, and he delivers a lively thesis on First Amendment rights.

Larry Flynt (Harrelson), the scurrilous publisher of *Hustler* magazine, is painted here as an ironic American hero — a scuzball forced into political awareness by his legal battles. The Moral Majority try to jail him for obscenity; his straight-arrow lawyer, Alan Issacman (Edward Norton), is driven to distraction by Larry's buffoonish antics in court. A parody ad in *Hustler* is the last straw: its target, Reverend Jerry Falwell, sues for $40 million, and Larry takes it to the Supreme Court.

We know what happened: Flynt, by then paralyzed from the waist down by a sniper's bullet, won his case and made it safe for the press to lampoon public figures. Yet the real hero of the movie isn't Larry. It's Alan Issacman, who catches the smug Falwell in a contradiction on the stand. For Larry, it's a pyrrhic victory. When he gets the news, he's staring at a video of his wife Althea (Courtney Love), who didn't live to share his triumph. Addicted to painkillers and stricken with AIDS, Althea had drowned in her bathtub eight months before.

I wanted to see more of Larry and Althea, who enjoy a loving but open marriage (they both sleep with other women). Their romance is both perverse and innocent. Vulgar, vivid, and always touching, Courtney Love's Althea is a rich creation, and Harrelson does some of his most tender work opposite her. The strange and affecting bond between these doomed soulmates is the heart of the movie, providing its beats of true greatness.

The movie's flaws, I think, can be traced to the script by Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski, who also wrote *Ed Wood.* Both movies look at their disreputable subjects with rose-colored hindsight: Ed Wood was a nice guy who loved making movies (not a talentless hack), and Larry Flynt was a freedom fighter (not a sleazeball). The movie congratulates us for snickering at Larry's prudish enemies, as if only censors would be put off by what's actually in *Hustler* — ever flipped through it?

The People Vs. Larry Flynt, at its best, is a rambunctious American saga. It gives us Larry the pig, the public clown, the rebel. But only intermittently do we find Larry the *man.* Maybe we're meant to think that the man is less important than what he represents. Unfortunately, that cuts both ways.

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Jerry Maguire (R) – Fri: 5:30, 8:15; Sat-Mon: 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15; Tue/Thu: 8:15
First Strike (PG-13) – Fri: 4:30, 6:45, 8:30; Sat-Mon: 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 8:30; Tue/Thu: 6:30, 8:10
Turbulence (R) – Fri: 9:30; Sat-Mon: 12:00, 9:30; Tue/Thu: 9:15
Scream (R) – Fri: 4:45, 7:15; Sat-Mon: 2:15, 4:45, 7:15; Tue/Thu: 7:00
The Ghosts of Mississippi (PG-13) – Fri-Mon: 10:00; Tue/Thu: 9:30
Beverly Hills Ninja* (PG-13) – Fri: 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Sat-Mon: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Tue/Thu: 6:30, 8:15

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101 Dalmatians (G) – 2:00, 4:20
Ransom (R) – 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Portrait of a Lady (PG-13) – 1:40, 4:50, 8:00
The Preacher's Wife (PG) – 6:40, 9:10
One Fine Day (PG) – 1:50, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00
Beavis & Butthead (PG-13) – 1:40, 3:30, 5:20, 7:30, 9:20
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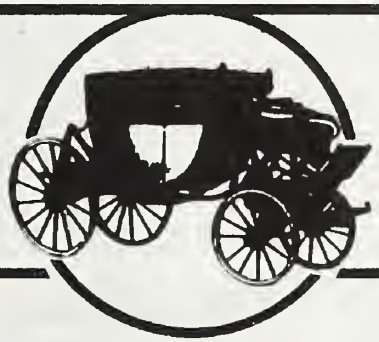

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Local Police Logs

ACUSHNET

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 6, through January 12, 1997:

- Tobey Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Lawson Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
- Buttonwood Lane – vandalism
- Hiram Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- North Anthony Drive – harassment
- St. Lawrence Street – domestic disturbance
- Slocum Street – adult arrest (disturbing the peace, assault and battery on police officer, domestic disturbance)
- Titleist Drive – disturbance/noise complaint
- Arlington County Sheriff Department – assist other police department, adult arrest (fugitive from justice)
- Coulombe Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- St. Lawrence Street – domestic disturbance
- Manchester Lane – shots fired
- Tarkiln Hill Road – harassment
- Mayflower Road – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Mary Drive – domestic disturbance, adult arrest (assault and battery)
- South Main Street - suspicious motor vehicle
- Jean Street – harassment
- Middle Road – vandalism
- Hope Street – domestic disturbance
- Frank Street – personal threats
- Allen Street – adult arrest (illegal possession of Class D substance)
- Main Street – summons issued (negligent operation of motor vehicle, driving an unregistered motor vehicle)
- Hamlin Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- St. Lawrence Street – domestic disturbance
- Peckham Road – domestic disturbance
- Slocum Street – domestic disturbance
- Main Street - disturbance/noise complaint
- Mill Road - domestic disturbance
- Nye's Lane – domestic disturbance
- Slocum Street – summons issued (unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, equipment violation: headlight)
- Peckham Road – suicide/attempted suicide.

FAIRHAVEN

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 7 through January 14, 1997:

- Fairhaven Commons Way – adult arrest (tagging property)
- Route 195 West – civil complaint
- Plaza Way – disturbance/gang
- Huttleston Avenue – domestic disturbance
- Main Street – domestic disturbance
- Sylvia Street – adult arrest (violation of protective order, assault and battery)
- Indian Way – domestic disturbance
- Sconticut Neck Road – adult arrest (assault and battery, domestic abuse)
- Morgan Street – breaking and entering/dwelling
- Super Stop & Shop – adult arrest (shoplifting)
- Church Street – personal threats
- Route 6 – adult arrest (warrant)
- Huttleston Avenue – larceny
- Huttleston Avenue – disturbance/gang
- Bridge Street – adult arrest (warrant)
- Sconticut Neck Road – personal threats
- Cushman Park – disturbance/gang
- Bridge Street – larceny
- Huttleston Avenue – breaking and entering/dwelling
- Morgan Street – suspicious person
- New Boston Road – annoying phone calls
- David Drown Boulevard – disturbance/gang
- Walnut Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Huttleston Avenue – disorderly conduct
- Hawthorne Street – motor vehicle accident/pedestrian
- Huttleston Avenue – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Green Street – breaking and entering/motor vehicle
- Sconticut Neck Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Fort Street – larceny
- Dogwood Street – disturbance/gang
- Adams Street – adult arrest (operating under the influence, operating an unregistered motor vehicle)
- Laura Lane – intoxicated person
- Shawmut Street – disorderly conduct
- Washington Street – larceny
- Mill Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Alden Road – suspicious person
- Huttleston Avenue – burglary/breaking and entering
- Mill Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Main Street – adult arrest (warrant)
- Main Street – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, equipment violation)
- New Boston Road – animal complaint
- Route 6 – disabled motor vehicle.

MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 5 through January 11, 1997:

- Route 195 West – suspicious motor vehicle
- Spring Street – order of protection
- Spring Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- County Road – breaking and entering/past
- Point Road – suspicious activity
- Spring Street – sex offense/past
- Front Street – animal complaint
- Route 195 East – suspicious activity
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Bullivant Farm Road - vandalism/past
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Lewis Street – annoying phone calls
- Front Street – adult arrest (default warrant)
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Front Street - larceny/past
- Spring Street – liquor violation
- Olde Knoll Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Cottage Street - animal complaint
- Wareham Road – youths in street
- Spring Street - motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Wareham Road – suspicious activity
- Spring Street – gathering
- Route 195 West – suspicious person.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 7 through January 14, 1997:

- Pine Island Road – suspicious activity/persons
- Marion Road – disturbance/fight
- Pocohontas Way – domestic abuse
- Long Plain Road – suspicious youths
- Water Street – injured seagull
- Town Wharf – suspicious activity/motor vehicle
- Acushnet Road – suspicious persons
- Pine Island Road – larceny of oriental rug
- Marion Road – vandalism/slashed tires
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Martin Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
- Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Marion Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- River Road – illegal trash dumping
- Channel Street - suspicious motor vehicle
- Route 195 West – adult arrest (operating under the influence).

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 7 through January 14, 1997:

- Snipatuit Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- New Bedford Road – motor vehicle hit deer
- Rounseville Road – motor vehicle hit deer
- Plumb Corner Mall - found property
- North Rochester Church – suspicious motor vehicle
- Walnut Plain Road – humane call/injured animal
- Snipatuit Road – wire down
- North Street – lost dog
- Constitution Way – suspicious motor vehicle
- Vaughan Hill Road – disabled motor vehicle
- North Avenue – humane call/injured animal
- Route 105 – slick roads reported
- Negas Way – road closed
- Bennett Road – domestic disturbance
- Parlowtown Road – officer wanted.

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Membership and Donations

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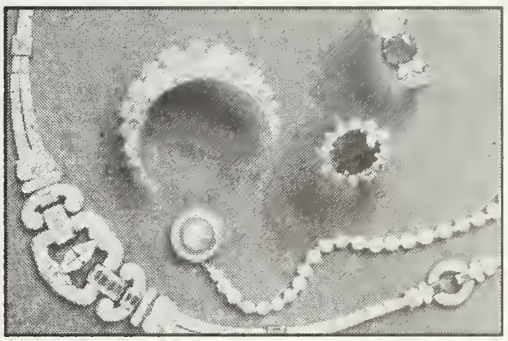

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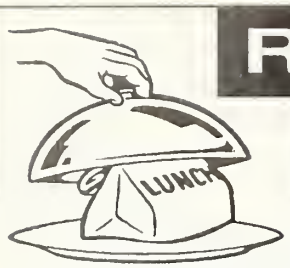

■ ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Monday, January 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school).
Tuesday, January 21 — Chicken chow mein sandwich, rice, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.
Wednesday, January 22 — Hamburgers, mashed potatoes, peas, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.
Thursday, January 23 — Hot dogs, French fries, green beans, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.
Friday, January 24 — Pizzeria pizza, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, January 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school).
Tuesday, January 21 — Chicken patty, or rib-a-que on a roll, oven fries, corn, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, January 22 — Meatball sub, or tuna roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, cookie, milk.
Thursday, January 23 — Baked chicken, mashed potato, carrots, or toasted cheese, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.
Friday, January 24 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or Steak'Um, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION
Monday, January 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no meals served).
Tuesday, January 21 — Barbeque chicken leg, rice pilaf, broccoli, branola bread, blueberry cup with topping.
Wednesday, January 22 — French meat pie with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas and carrots, honey wheat bread, peach cake.
Thursday, January 23 — Sliced pot roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, hubbard squash, pumpernickel bread, fresh fruit.
Friday, January 24 — Manhattan clam chowder, fish and cheese sandwich with tartar sauce, oven fries, beets, chocolate chip cookie.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Monday, January 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school).
Tuesday, January 21 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken club sandwich, potato puffs, peas, chilled pineapple, grape jello with topping.
Wednesday, January 22 — Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, rice pilaf, carrots, applesauce, oatmeal cookie.
Thursday, January 23 — Kentucky style chicken, Steak'Um and cheese sub, hot ham and cheese sub, oven potatoes, corn, mixed fruit, blueberry pie.
Friday, January 24 — Taco boat with all the fixings, grilled cheese, bologna and lettuce sub, Spanish rice, chili, tossed salad, chilled peaches, strawberry/banana jello with topping.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
Monday, January 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school).
Tuesday, January 21 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, double grilled cheese, tuna salad sub, salad, green beans, chilled pears, cherry jello with topping.
Wednesday, January 22 — Taco boat with all the fixings, nacho chips with cheese sauce, Steak'Um fajita, Spanish rice, chili, jalapeno peppers, chilled peaches, oatmeal cookie.
Thursday, January 23 — Baked lasagna, hamburger/cheeseburger, Italian grinder, oven potatoes, peas, applesauce, blueberry pie.
Friday, January 24 — Roast turkey with gravy, mac rib sub, hot ham and cheese sub, whipped potato, stuffing, baked apple, sweet potato, mixed fruit, baked custard with topping.

■ FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL - ACUSHNET
Monday, January 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school).
Tuesday, January 21 — Chicken chow mein sandwich, rice, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.
Wednesday, January 22 — Hamburgers, mashed potatoes, peas, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.
Thursday, January 23 — Hot dogs, French fries, green beans, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.
Friday, January 24 — Pizzeria pizza, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL
Monday, January 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school).
Tuesday, January 21 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken club sandwich, potato puffs, peas, chilled pineapple, grape jello with topping.
Wednesday, January 22 — Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, rice pilaf, carrots, applesauce, oatmeal cookie.
Thursday, January 23 — Kentucky style chicken, Steak'Um and cheese sub, hot ham and cheese sub, oven potatoes, corn, mixed fruit, blueberry pie.
Friday, January 24 — Taco boat with all the fixings, grilled cheese, bologna and lettuce sub, Spanish rice, chili, tossed salad, chilled peaches, strawberry/banana jello with topping.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL - ROCHESTER
Monday, January 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school).
Tuesday, January 21 — Chicken patty, or rib-a-que on a roll, oven fries, corn, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, January 22 — Meatball sub, or tuna roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, cookie, milk.
Thursday, January 23 — Baked chicken, mashed potato, carrots, or toasted cheese, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.
Friday, January 24 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or Steak'Um, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE
Monday, January 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school).
Tuesday, January 21 — Cheeseburger, potato rounds, green beans, fruit, chocolate chip cookie.
Wednesday, January 22 — Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, cranberry sauce, dessert.
Thursday, January 23 — Chow mein, bologna and cheese sandwich, rice, stir fry vegetables, chocolate pudding.
Friday, January 24 — Chicken rice soup, pepperoni pizza, chips, corn, fruit, cookie.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL
Monday, January 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school).
Tuesday, January 21 — Chicken patty, or rib-a-que on a roll, oven fries, corn, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, January 22 — Meatball sub, or tuna roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, cookie, milk.
Thursday, January 23 — Baked chicken, mashed potato, carrots, or toasted cheese, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.
Friday, January 24 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or Steak'Um, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

■ ORR JR. & SR. HIGH SCHOOL
Monday, January 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school).
Tuesday, January 21 — Soup, spaghetti with meat sauce, or chicken patty, broccoli, garlic bread, juice or milk.
Wednesday, January 22 — Linguiça pocket, or chicken fritters, potato puffs, pickle, celery stick, juice or milk.
Thursday, January 23 — Soup, beef taco, or grilled cheese, lettuce, tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, juice or milk.
Friday, January 24 — Turkey with gravy, or ham and cheese croissant, mashed potato, peas, roll, applesauce, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, January 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school).
Tuesday, January 21 — Chicken patty, or rib-a-que on a roll, oven fries, corn, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, January 22 — Meatball sub, or tuna roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, cookie, milk.
Thursday, January 23 — Baked chicken, mashed potato, carrots, or toasted cheese, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.
Friday, January 24 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or Steak'Um, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

■ ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL - FAIRHAVEN
Monday, January 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school).
Tuesday, January 21 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken club sandwich, potato puffs, peas, chilled pineapple, grape jello with topping.
Wednesday, January 22 — Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, rice pilaf, carrots, applesauce, oatmeal cookie.
Thursday, January 23 — Kentucky style chicken, Steak'Um and cheese sub, hot ham and cheese sub, oven potatoes, corn, mixed fruit, blueberry pie.
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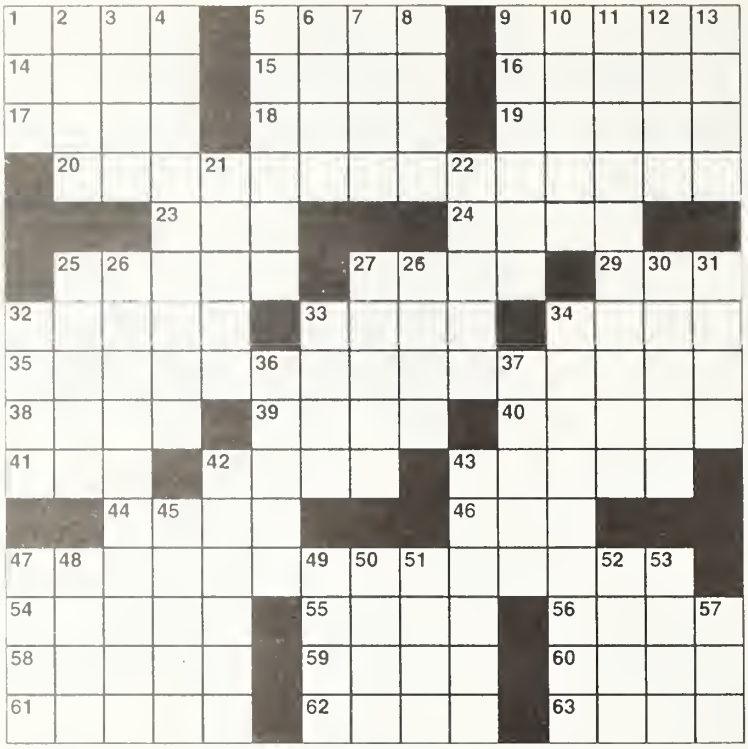

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Weekly Tip: The sun's gone into Aquarius, the sign of the scholar. These are the people who gave us the Industrial Revolution.

Aries (March 21-April 19). This is a good time for writing projects. Get all your housework done too. Hustle so you'll be prepared.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Pay the bills whether you want to or not. If you don't have enough money, send as much as you can afford.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You're amazingly imaginative and witty. Get as much as possible down on paper. Drive farther than usual to get a good deal.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You'll start feeling up to par. You'll be strong. That's good, because you may have financial hassles.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Meet with friends now; you won't have time later. The push is on. If you have a partner to help it'll be more fun.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Authority figures will be hard to catch, but if you can, you might get a favor. Club meetings and impromptu gatherings with friends dominate.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Get out for a breath of air with a dear friend. You'll stay busy keeping an older person happy. Don't complain — it's good for you.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Find the money you need to fix up your place. Complete a big assignment and make lots of points.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Let your partner make the play. If you need money, you may be able to find it. An older person wants more of your attention.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Work hard and get your correspondence out. Resolve your differences with your mate. Pay debts and find a way to bring in more money.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Romance looks good but you'll be almost too busy to flirt. These days could be a hassle — save your major decisions for later.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Watch out for a spill at home. Your life gets easier. You're looking good and it shows. Things don't go the way you planned.

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• Grades 4 to 6 - Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm, February 5 through June 4, 1997. (No classes on February 19, March 26, and April 23.) A production will be staged on June 6 and 7; Jessica Shepardson is the instructor. The fee for the fifteen-week class is $140 for MAC members, $155 for all others. To register, please call 748-1266.

• Grades 7 to 12 - Thursday from 4:00 to 5:30 pm, February 6 through May 15, 1997. (No classes on February 20, March 27, and April 24.) A production will be staged on May 16 and 17; Jessica Shepardson is the instructor. The fee for the twelve-week class is $115 for MAC members, $130 for all others. To register, please call 748-1266.

Dance Classes

• Ages 5 and 6 - Thursday from 3:15 to 4:00 pm, February 6 through May 15, 1997. Kitty Martin is the instructor. The fee for the twelve-week class is $60 for MAC members, $75 for all others. To register, please call 748-1266.

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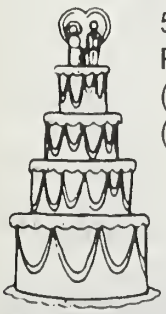

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing regarding proposedchanges in the Rules, Regulations and Requirements of Subdivisions. Proposed changes will affect: fees, presubmission conference, consulting fees and submittal requirements. Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 1997 at 7:15pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.

Janice M. Crook, Chairman 1/17, 1/24

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on the Form C subdivision plan, Hollybrook Phase III, submitted by Raymond W. Clapp. Property is bounded northerly by Earl's Court, easterly by land n/f of Kurt Thompson, southerly and westerly by Sherman Brook.

Hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, January 28, 1997 at 7:45pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 21, 1997 at 7:15pm in the Town Hall on the Request for a Notice of Intent submitted by Holly Woods West Realty Trust c/o Peabody & Arnold, 50 Rowes Wharf, Boston, MA 02110..

The proposed project is to construct driveways and residences with associated grading and septic systems. The project is located at Holly Woods Road and is further identified as lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and Roadway on Assessor Map 3.

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 28, 1997 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Joseph M. Duchaine.

The proposed project is to repair septic system. The project is located at 12 Oliver Street and is further identified as lot 51 on Assessors Map 5A.

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission
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TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of William M. Milka who is seeking a variance under Section VIII C.3 for a major farm structure. Property is located at 241 New Bedford Road, Assessors' Plan 32 Lot 7A. Public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 1997 at 7:30pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.

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Young People's Theater

The Marion Art Center's Young People's Theater will present "The Other Brother Grimm," written and directed by Jessica Shepardson, on Friday, January 17 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, January 18 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are $3 for kids, $5 for adults. To reserve your seats, please call 748-1266.

Financial Aid Seminar

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth will be sponsoring its 13th Annual Regional Financial Aid Seminar on Wednesday, January 29 in Room 153 of the College of Visual and Performing Arts Building. The seminar is FREE and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 6:00 pm with the formal presentation beginning at 6:30 pm. Parking is available in lots 8 and 9.

This seminar will be a valuable experience for anyone involved in the financial aid process at any undergraduate institutions for the 1997-1998 academic year. Experienced financial aid administrators and peer counselors will provide information to simplify the financial aid process for applicants. For further information, please contact Michael Ellison at 999-8632.

Tobey Hospital Telethon

Tobey Hospital invites area residents to tune in to Bay 8 television on Sunday, February 2 between 11:00 am and 11:00 pm for the hospital's Telethon to benefit "Community First - The Campaign for Primary Care." The event is the final fund-raising effort for Tobey Hospital's capital campaign to fund major modernization projects at the hospital. To date, the campaign has raised just under $2.8 million in pledges and gifts from individuals, businesses, and foundations. Thanks to the support of the community, Tobey will open its new Maternal/Child Health Center and a new main entrance

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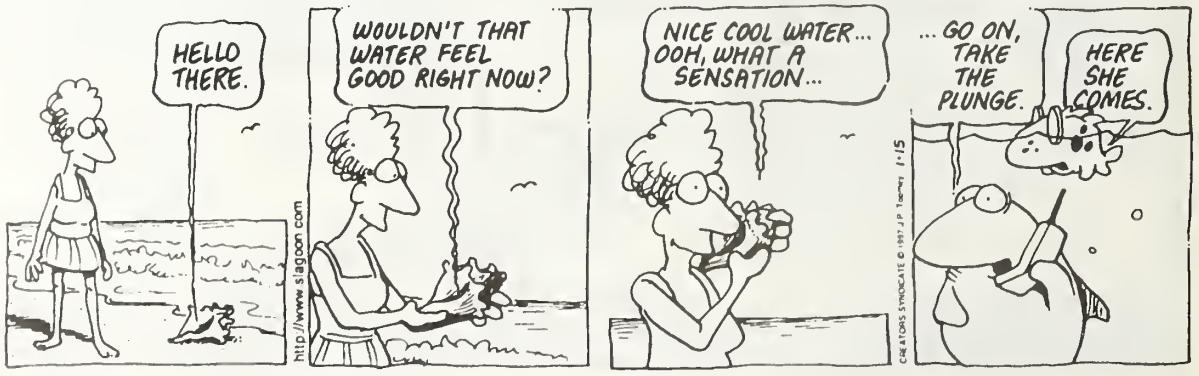

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To date, MC's will include: Susan Semedo, also known as radio personality "Pebbles" on 94.5 WJMN; Jim Bruce of Wareham; Barbara Gee of Marion; and Drs. John Ogren, David Adelstein, and Gregory Johnson. Telephones will be manned by members of the Wareham Police and Fire Departments, town officials, hospital staff, EMT's from Wareham and Marion, members of the Bay Pointe Golf Club, and other business leaders.

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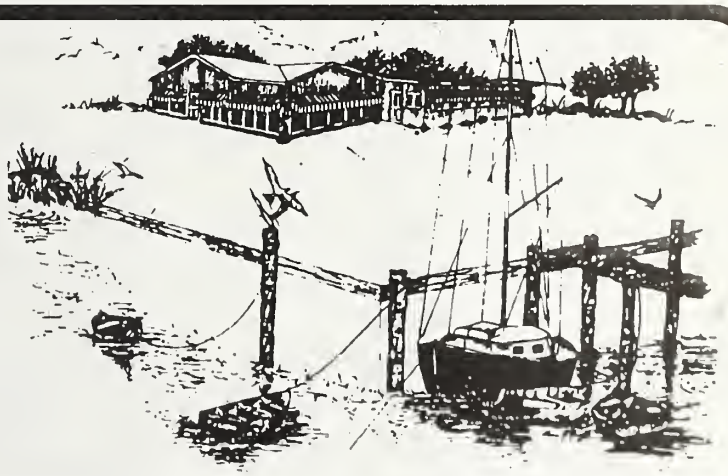

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Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity is now set to work on the goal of building the foundations of its first house in June, 1997 and is actively searching for donated or low-cost land. If you have any information concerning any available site in the six-town area, please call the group at 984-1712, or write: Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 652, Marion, MA 02738.

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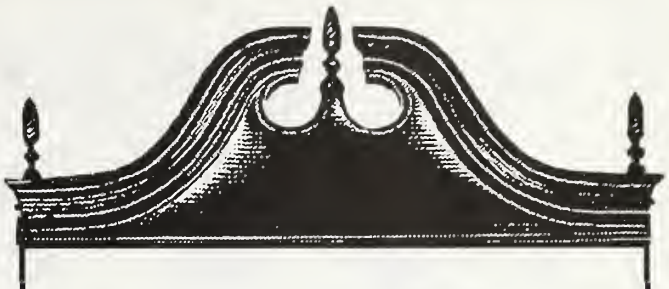

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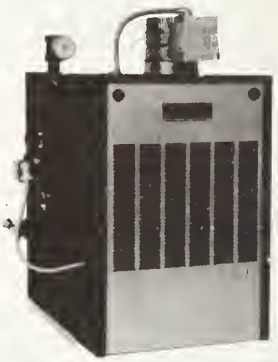

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January 18:	**Sat.**	3:36	4:00	10:25	10:13
January 19:	**Sun.**	4:31	4:54	11:22	11:07
January 20:	**Mon.**	5:22	5:43	. . .	12:08
January 21:	**Tues.**	6:08	6:28	12:00	12:44
January 22:	**Wed.**	6:52	7:11	12:29	1:13
January 23:	**Thur.**	7:33	7:52	1:02	1:39
January 24:	**Fri.**	8:13	8:33	1:34	2:05
January 25:	**Sat.**	8:53	9:13	2:05	2:32
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January 27:	**Mon.**	10:11	10:34	3:02	3:34
January 28:	**Tues.**	10:51	11:17	3:48	4:08
January 29:	**Wed.**	11:34	. . .	4:28	4:47
January 30:	**Thur.**	12:03	12:22	5:13	5:31
January 31:	**Fri.**	12:55	1:17	6:06	6:23
February 1:	**Sat.**	1:52	2:17	7:06	7:23
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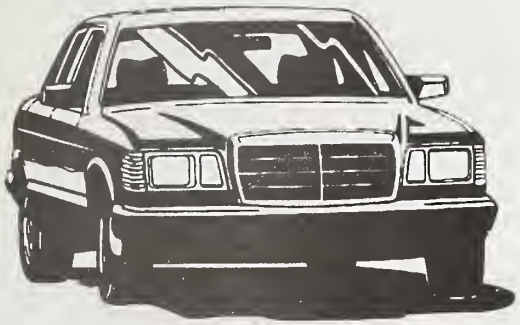

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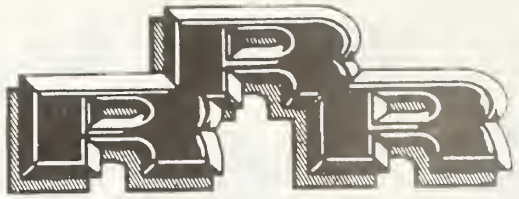

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